



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: May 5, 2017 ***UPDATE***

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Apr. 7, 2017

Time: 9:51 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: R/O 1776 Parsons Avenue

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 170284590

Cruiser District: 132

Victim: Charles Eugene Staten

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 38

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Mershaun Marquis Johnson

Address: 154 Linwood Avenue

43205

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 27

Charges: Murder (2903.02A), Weapons Under Disability (2923.13)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On April 7, 2017, at approximately 9:51 p.m., Columbus Police officers were called to the convenient store, at 1776 Parsons Avenue, on the report of a shooting in the parking lot. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, later identified as Charles Eugene Staten, unresponsive and suffering from a gunshot wound. CFD Medic 22 responded to the scene and transported the victim to Grant Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at 11:23 p.m.

*****UPDATE***** On May 4, 2017, The Franklin County Grand Jury returned a multiple count indictment on Mershaun Johnson for the Murder of Charles Staten. Mr. Johnson was already incarcerated on charges stemming from an unrelated offense. No picture of Mr. Johnson is being released at this time at the behest of the investigators.

The investigation continues.

This is the 33rd Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2017. Incident #170284590.

Detective Jennifer Gribi is the lead detective, assisted by Detective Lowell Titus.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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